Waiting list of telephone connections in Gujarat

3248. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the wait-listed applicants for phone connection were given telephone connections by 31st March, 2000 in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether waiting list is nil as on 31st March, 2000;

(c) if not, what is the position in different telecom circles, circle-wise regarding the wait-listed applicants; and

(d) by when the Gujarat telecom circle intends to clear all the wait-listed applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The waiting list of Gujarat Telecom Circle on 31.3.1999 was 170607. Against a target of providing 2.5 lakh new telephone connections during 1999-2000, more than 3.74 lakh new telephone connections were provided in Gujarat. This clears majority of the waiting list of 31.3.1999 and part of the new registration taken place in 1999-2000. The waiting list on 31.3.2000 in Gujarat Telecom Circle is 232624.

(c) Circle-wise waiting list as on 31st March, 2000 is given in the Statement (*see* below):

(d) The present waiting list is likely to be cleared by 31.3.2001 progressively.

Statement

Circle-wise position of Wait Listed Applicants as on 31st March, 2000

Sl. No.	Name of the Telecom Circle/ District	Waiting list as on 31.03.2000
1.	Andaman Nicobar	2002
2.	Andhra Pradesh	377058
3.	Assam	5475
4.	Bihar	106196
5.	Gujarat	232624
6.	Haryana	73262
7.	Himachal Pradesh	24708
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	31882
9.	Karnataka	332189

Sl. No.	Name of the Telecom Circle/ District	Waiting list as on 31.03.2000
10.	Kerala	647165
11.	Madhya Pradesh	40534
12.	Maharashtra	26023
13.	Northeast	26023
14.	Orissa	42527
15.	Punjab	176732
16.	Rajasthan	95172
17.	Tamil Nadu	598505
18.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	201242
19.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	123806
20.	West Bengal	157561
21.	Calcutta	313
22.	Chennai	16591
23.	Delhi	81871
24.	Mumbai	23843
	TOTAL:	3680715

Instructions regarding installation of telephone connections

3249. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instructions exist ensuring installation of telephone connections within a time limit in case telephone connections having been recommended by Member of Parliament from their quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof, in normal conditions and in technically not feasible conditions;

(c) whether these instructions are being adhered to by all officers of the Ministry dealing with installation of telephone connections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the existing instructions telephone connections recommended by Hon'ble Members of Parliament from their quota are required to be installed within 30 days from the date of sanction subject to technical feasibility. Telephone connections falling under technically non-feasible areas are installed only